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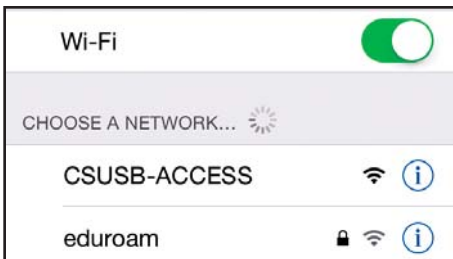
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Tuition outruns financial aid

By **MARLYN RODRIGUEZ**
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Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) reported that inflation has caused an increase in tuition.

PPIC is an organization whose primary goal is to inform residents about public policies through research.

According to recent reports by the PPIC, students nationwide are facing an increase in tuition and a decrease in financial aid.

Within the last four years, the total tuition cost on all CSU campuses has risen by six percent, which is equivalent to \$1,000.

Students have not seen an increase at UC's or at private universities. The PPIC reports a price decrease of about \$1,000 in private universities.

Students from low-income families are required to pay more than students from high-income households.

Tuition is on a steady rise and students are not offered financial aid to help meet those costs, reports the PPIC. Low-income students rely on financial aid and federal grants to pay for their education.

Public universities in California are composed of 85 percent low-income students.

According to *The San Bernardino Sun*, 73 percent of students from low-income households had to take out student loans, while only 22 percent of students from high-income households took out loans to pay debts.

Along with tuition costs there is also the cost of living and book expenses.

Jeremy Vieth, student and veteran said, "I don't think I get enough financial aid but I get compensated by the Chapter 33 G.I. Bill from the VA that makes up the difference. The aid offered by the government barely covers tuition let alone living expenses."

Vieth is referring to a law which provides benefits for war veterans.

Budget cuts are not only taking place in California. Kelsey Thomas, from the University of Portland, published an article explaining the consequences of the Budget Control Act of 2011.

Thomas interviewed the director of financial aid on her campus, Janet Turner. Turner said during the interview that a consistent decrease in the Federal Pell grants will take place in 2014.

Although the exact amount of the decrease is still unclear, it is evident that Federal Pell grants will be affected.



CSU trustees review proposed plans

By **CHELSEA GALVEZ**
Staff Writer

An increased budget plan request of \$269 million for the 2015-2016 school year is expected to be approved by the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees after a meeting on Nov. 12 and 13.

This budget request more than doubles Gov. Jerry Brown's proposal of \$119.5 million that was outlined in his multi-year funding budget for CSU.

"The CSU, which spans the entire state of California, has an annual budget of more than \$5 billion," reported the CSU

website.

The CSU budget outline states that the increase is necessary for mandatory expenses such as retirement and health benefits for employees, a necessary two percent compensation pool increase for faculty, student success and completion initiatives, as well as infrastructure and maintenance costs.

"The plan focuses on critical needs to fulfill the CSU's mission to educate Californians under the state's higher education master plan and, to this end, seeks ongoing reinvestment by the state in the CSU," stated the CSU budget plan summary.

"The planning approach is tempered by recognition of the state's finite resources, yet represents a credible statement of the CSU's key funding needs for the upcoming fiscal year."

The CSU Board of Trustees hopes to invest 38.4 percent of their budget, which is approximately \$103.2 million, into a plan to increase enrollment by three percent to keep up with the increasing demand for higher education.

The CSU system turned away over 25,000 eligible undergraduate applicants in Fall 2013 and yet the demand for CSU

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Obama urges Internet companies to play fair

By **FRANCISCO CASILLAS**
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On Nov. 10, in a move that could decide the internet's future, President Barack Obama urged the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to protect the internet as an open, accessible and free service, known as "net neutrality."

Obama believes the FCC should, "implement the strongest possible rules to protect net neutrality" by reclassifying consumer broadband service under Title II of the Telecommunications Act, which acts as a utility service.

This would restrict Internet Service Providers (ISPs) from blocking service to certain websites and force them to treat all Internet sites the same, whether they are large media corporations, such as Netflix or Hulu, or small start-ups.

"There are no gatekeepers deciding which sites you get to access nor toll roads on the information highway," said Obama about the goal of an open Internet.

"Abandoning these principles will be the end of the Internet as we know it," continued Obama.

Although, Republicans and several investment groups oppose

the plan stating the, "regulation was heavy-handed and would kill online investment and innovation," according to the *New York Times*.

Obama also mentioned that the Internet should be treated like electricity, a public utility per se, and that it should be a reliable way to access content produced by anyone, regardless of whether they have any special business arrangements with the utility.

"Internet is open sourced and therefore should stay the same," said Kyle Baxter, a computer science major.

"Purposely limiting Internet power to the users is not right and would change the way we consume it," added Baxter.

Computer Science major Victor Lopez also voiced his concern about companies controlling website access for users and also said Internet control should remain the same.

"The way television companies handle their content sometimes you get restricted to certain channels, is not the way I want it to go and not the way I want the Internet to behave," said Lopez.

Netflix, an Internet content company that streams shows and movies, cheered Obama's proposed plan in a Facebook post stating, "Consumers should pick winners and losers on the Internet,

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By **JACOBS COLLIN**
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Violent Crime at its lowest since 1978 (Nov. 10)

Violent crime has been on the decline reaching an all time low across the country since 1978, according to the FBI.

The FBI's annual report on crime in the U.S. stated there were about 1.16 million violent crimes in 2013, the lowest since 1.09 million were estimated in 1978.

All violent crimes declined last year, with rape dropping 6.3 percent.

Murder and non-negligent manslaughter dropping 4.4 percent and robbery dropping 2.8 percent, according to an article by *Time*.

NYPD will stop arrests for low level possession of marijuana (Nov. 10)

In a joint policy initiative, New York City Mayor Bill De Blasio and Police Commissioner Bill Bratton announced the New York Police Department (NYPD) will cease arrests for low level marijuana possessions and instead issue summonses.

The new policy applies only to marijuana for personal use in amounts of 25 grams or less.

Those smoking in public or selling marijuana will still be subject to arrest.

Ten women die in botched Indian government sterilization surgery (Nov. 11)

Ten women were killed and 14 seriously injured after botched sterilization surgery at an Indian government sterilization camp, according to Indian govern-

ment officials.

The cause of death is unknown and officials are investigating the possibility of contaminated surgical equipment.

In 2013-2014, over four million sterilizations were preformed, according to the Indian government.

Mass sterilization is widely used in India to curb its over population problems.

"If the facts are confirmed, then a grave human tragedy has occurred," said Kate Gilmore, deputy executive director of the U.N. Population Fund.

Workers of the Congress party, the main opposition in the Indian government, are calling for the resignation of the state health minister and chief minister.

Surviving space ship two pilot thrown from cockpit (Nov. 13)

The surviving pilot from the Oct. 31 Space Ship Two crash was thrown from the aircraft and was able to unlatch his seat belt before his parachute deployed said National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) officials.

Siebold, fell from about 50,000 feet after the aircraft broke apart in a chain of events, which resulted in the copilot unlocking the tail section of the aircraft too soon.

The tail is designed to move upward during re-entry to ease descent.

Siebold was hospitalized for a few days due to a shoulder injury and has since been released.

The NTSB has not finished its investigation, which may take up to a year to complete.

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CSUSB study predicts bright future for economy

By **ANTHONY SILVA**
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Manufacturing jobs in the Inland Empire (I.E.) continue to rise and local businesses feel optimistic about the economy, according to a report by the CSUSB Institute of Applied Research.

Dr. Barbara Sirotnik, the Director of the Institute, believes that the information in the monthly report is important to many people living in the I.E.

“There are very few Inland Empire specific economic indicators. So policy makers throughout the Inland Empire can benefit from the monthly report,” wrote Sirotnik in an e-mail.

Sirotnik helped create the Inland Empire Report of Business, which is created monthly.

The report stated that the Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), a measure that is closely watched by economists, rose to 52.6 percent in October.

The PMI is an index that measures a business’s production, new orders, employment and inventory levels.

The institute reported that a PMI of 50 percent indicates stability within the economy. Any number higher than 50 percent means the economy is growing.

“Each month we send a survey to over 60 purchasing managers in San Bernardino and Riverside counties. The survey asks managers to indicate whether various production factors have increased since the previous month,” stated Sirotnik.

Bud Weisbart from AR Tech, a fabrics company in Fontana, spoke to *The San Bernardino Sun* about his company’s growth.

“At this point our backlog has become very robust. We’ll be very healthy through the end of this year,” said Weisbart.

The Institute’s report stated that production rose 64.8 percent in October, an increase from 51.5 percent in the previous month.

The production increase has resulted in more optimism about the economy in the I.E.

Close to one third of the managers surveyed now think the economy will be stronger at the end of the year, which has increased from last month.

According to the Institute’s report, 31 percent of purchasing managers believed the economy would be weaker at the end of the year while a month later, that number decreased to 15 percent.

Students appear to have positive feelings towards the Institute’s work.

“I didn’t know that this kind of information was available and that it came from our school. I’ll definitely start keeping an eye out for this report every month,” said student Natalie Avalos.

Few factors will play a significant role in the I.E.’s economic recovery such as land development and higher education to

provide workforce training and affordable housing.

“The Inland Empire’s economy has been volatile as the region comes out of the recession. Our data indicates slow and steady growth so it appears that the economy will continue to grow at least over the next few months,” added Sirotnik.



Photo courtesy of The Institute of Applied Research
A CSUSB study conducted by the Institute of Applied Research predicts that the local economy will soon see improvement.

CSU meeting covers budget plan

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enrollment has remained at 760,000 undergraduate applications for the Fall 2014 quarter, according to the CSU proposal outline.

“I don’t think that increasing enrollment is the best idea for a campus that is already super impacted,” said student Dorothy Atkinson.

The CSU system remains hopeful that their approved budget will increase maintenance, infrastructure improvements, and other improvements that will help lessen some of the pressure that causes impacted campuses.

“From 2008-2012, the CSU system lost \$1 billion of state revenue. Due to budget constraints, the university has been forced to turn away 20,000 to 25,000 fully qualified students each academic term since 2008. The passage of Proposition 30 and Gov. Jerry Brown’s multi-year funding plan has restored funding,” said Stephanie Thara, CSUSB’s media contact from the Chancellor’s Office.

“However, the state’s contribution for academic year 2015-16 is equivalent to pre 2007-08 levels when the university served 50,000 fewer students. The current budget will enable the university to admit 12,000 additional students, sustain student success, pay mandatory costs, and provide a salary increase to employees,” continued Thara.

Besides next year’s budget plan, the Board of Trustees is also scheduled to discuss and hear updated plans for sexual assault prevention and Title IX compliance training among the 23 CSU campuses.

“I believe that this is establishing the fact that the CSU’s are taking an important stand against sexual assault and that we are taking this very seriously. I applaud the CSU Board of Trustees for taking on this issue in a significant way and working towards changing the culture in regards to sexual assault on our campuses,” said Janet Honn-Alex, coordinator of the CSUSB Women’s Resource Center. The finalized budget results should be made available this week.

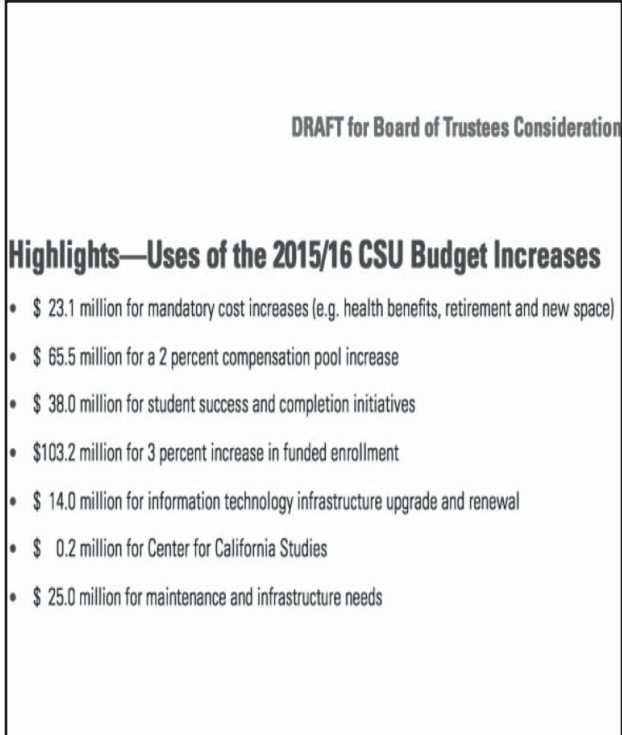
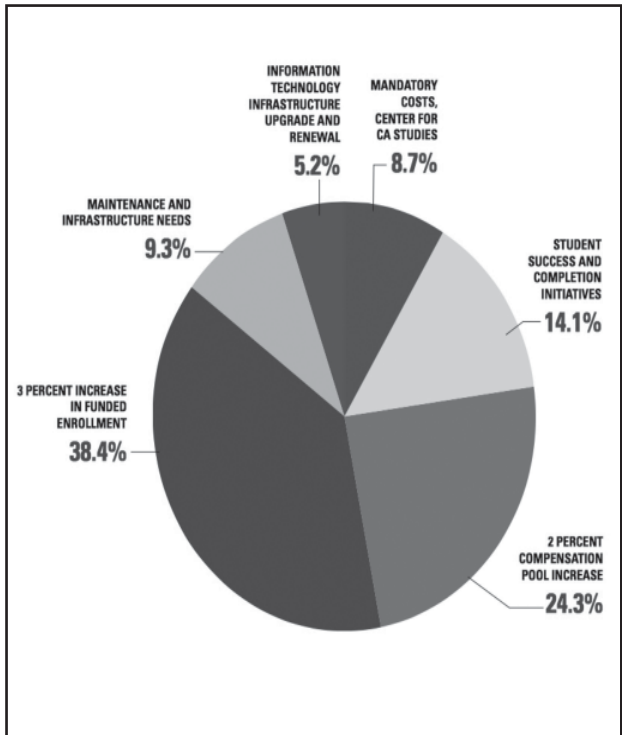


Photo courtesy of CSU Official Budget Plan
CSU board of trustees will decide on a plan for next year’s budget as well as discuss possible training opportunities to prevent sexual assault on CSU campuses.

North Korea releases hostages

By **YARA DELRIO DOMINGUEZ**
Staff Writer

Americans detained in North Korea have been released back into the United States (U.S.) after being sentenced to six years of hard labor.

Both Kenneth Bae, 46, former Lynwood resident, and Matthew Todd Miller, 24, a Bakersfield resident, are the last two Americans detained in North Korea, according to CNN.

“The charges for which Miller and the other detained U.S. citizens were arrested and imprisoned would not give rise to arrest or imprisonment in the U.S.,” said spokesman Darby Holladay.

Unclear of exactly what law they broke, both Americans remained in North Korea and did not know exactly what their charges were until they went to trial.

The North Korean government surprised CNN by giving Miller and two other detained Americans five minute interviews each, but interviews were monitored by the North Korean government.

The American hostages pleaded for U.S. help, according to CNN.

Decision to release the men could be because North Korea may be trying to improve their relationship with the U.S.

“It appears that it is a good move by the North Koreans to restart the North Korean-American relationship, which has been in a really deep freeze,” said Bill Richardson, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

The communist country is known for its pursuit to develop nuclear weapons, while the U.S. and other countries have fought against those measures.

“I don’t believe North Korea wanted to carry this out any longer in order to obtain a positive relationship with the U.S. in the long term,” said student Edgar Gutierrez.

Bae and Miller’s release is not related to other U.S. issues involving North Korea, according to CNN

U.S. citizens are not encouraged to visit the country, according to the U.S. State Department.

Student success fees receive criticism

By **ROBIN ALCANTARA**
Staff Writer

The California State University (CSU) system is implementing additional mandatory fees despite an agreement made with Gov. Jerry Brown that would maintain tuition costs without increases until January 2016.

The agreement would bring additional support to the CSU system from state funds if the tuition cost remained at the current \$5,472 per year. Some CSU students, however, are experiencing higher educational costs charged by individual campuses through “student success fees” while standard tuition remains the same, according to the CSU website.

“CSU must reserve the right, even after initial fee payments are made, to increase or modify any listed fees, without notice,” stated former Chancellor Charles B. Reed, concerning the CSU Fee Policy in Executive Order 1054.

CSU fees are separated into five categories.

Category I is tuition. Category II includes mandatory fees such as a health service fee, student union fee and the student success fee. Categories III through V include required miscellaneous course fees to optional parking and housing fees.

While 11 of the 23 CSU campuses do not have a “student success fee,” 12 campuses have charges ranging from \$35 to \$780 annually in addition to tuition and other fees.

Reed explained the fee is intended to, “provide improved advising and retention services, increased development opportunities, expanded access to critical technologies and enhanced career services.”

CSUSB adopted the fee in Fall 2011. The fee charges students \$54 per quarter, or \$162 a year.

The fee has produced \$564,800 for available funding for 2015, according to the Vital Technology Initiative Committee’s Developing Proposal.

The committee is composed of six students, three faculty members and two administrators in charge of deciding the uses of these success fees.

Individual petitioners can request funds for “general proposals” and “college specific proposals.”

The committee has developed guidelines for “winning” proposals that benefit petitioners.

University presidents hold the power to increase, reduce, eliminate or implement the success fee as they see necessary to accommodate the needs of their individual campus.

“I didn’t know about this fee,” said student Caroline Combs. “But I don’t mind if the funds go to helping our education, even if the fee is increased, because in the end it will benefit us.”

Critics of the fee call it “a burden of college costs,” according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

CSU Students for Quality Education’s website reported a 283 percent rise in CSU statewide tuition between 2002 and 2013.

“The success fees have drawn special attention because they are directed toward academic services typically covered under the annual tuition,” reported the *Los Angeles Times*.

The standard tuition fee does not include Categories II through V fees.

Some CSUSB students, like Sandra Kieler, said “Tuition is not as bad as other universities.”

“If you want to be successful, you have to pay for it,” said Kieler.



Robin Alcantara / Chronicle Photo

Many students are unaware they are paying extra charges in addition to tuition.

Group seeks to withdraw investments from fossil fuels

By **AIMEE VILLALPANDO**
Staff Writer

Divest Harvard is one of over 400 campaigns at universities across the nation calling for endowments in fossil fuel companies to be terminated, according to divestharvard.com.

Harvard currently has \$34.6 million invested in the top 200 fossil fuel companies, which is the largest university endowment in the world.

Endowments, as defined by the 2012 California State University’s (CSU) Philanthropic Report, are funds to be retained and invested for income-producing purposes.

Members of Divest Harvard believe higher education institutions serve as investments in the future of their students and their communities and should not be supporting corporations that threaten the stability of the planet’s climate.

The movement to end university involvement with oil companies began after the publication of Bill McKibben’s August 2012 *Rolling Stone* article “Climate Change’s Terrifying New Math.”

McKibben’s article explained how

the fossil fuel industry disregards international limits on burning fossil fuel reserves and continues to block political regulations for monitoring climate change.

Divest Harvard claims, “the power of the fossil fuel industry is the primary obstacle to stopping climate change.”

The movement hopes to “highlight the destructive practices of this industry and to wake up our nation to the most pressing ethical issue of our time.”

Fossil-free campaigns take away the industry’s political influence, holds them accountable for misinforming the public and causing climate change, and paves the way for climate legislation.

Divest Harvard consists of students, staff, faculty, alumni, and even community members, who have joined the movement by signing petitions.

Divest Harvard members feel the university is risking their significantly sized endowment by investing in corporations, hoping the fossil fuel industry will soon see legislative regulation.

Within the CSU system, organizations that consist of foundations and corporations make up the majority of philanthropic donations.

For example, in the 2012-2013 fiscal year CSU East Bay received a \$750,000 grant and a \$500,000 pledge from Chevron Corporation to support the Mathematics Achievement Academies program.

The CSU system received over \$50 million from corporations in 2012, with CSUSB claiming \$1 million of that amount.

CSUSB averaged \$2.8 million in annual donations from 2010-2013.

Other CSU’s starting to campaign to be fossil-free include CSU Sacramento and CSU East Bay, in addition to UC’s such as Davis and Berkeley.

CSUSB Vice President of University Advancement Ron Fremont said, “The question is not necessarily what entities are supporting colleges or universities, although that certainly comes into play, but more specifically how the university endowments are managed and the types of investment funds.”

Fremont explained CSUSB’s endowment is managed by our Philanthropic Foundation, a group of business leaders and alumni.

A subcommittee of the Foundation focuses on the investment strategy of the

endowment, relying on advisement from Beacon Pointe, a company that manages the day-to-day investments of our endowment. The Foundation counsels Beacon Pointe in creating a diverse investment strategy.

“This ensures that we are not ‘putting our eggs in one basket’ so we can expect meaningful growth of the portfolio without a significant risk when the investment markets take a downturn,” said Fremont.

This group of volunteers and investment experts are dedicated to protecting assets that CSUSB students depend on, such as scholarships and other academic resources, added Fremont.

“To be honest, we have not yet determined if we should divest ourselves from funds tied to fossil fuel companies. It would take some additional research to determine which funds have those companies in their portfolio,” added Fremont.

Regardless of involvement with fossil fuel companies, CSUSB’s endowment increased by 14.76 percent from last year, the third best against peer CSU’s.

The market value of CSUSB’s endowment as of Sept. 30 was between \$24, \$154, and \$843.

Obama insists FCC maintain Net neutrality

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not broadband gatekeepers.”

“The president represents our interests and it aligns to net neutrality,” said Sabrina Roberts, a graduate teaching associate.

“When Obama takes that stance, it sends a message because it shows that the deferral government is connected to net neutrality. It is a moral issue and necessary for the

21st Century to function. That’s why we don’t need companies like telecommunications to regulate the Internet,” added Roberts.

FCC is an independent agency who doesn’t answer to the president but more to Congress, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. The commission needs three out of five member votes to pass any regulation.

Tom Wheeler, appointed by Obama as the FCC chairman, is close to settling on a plan that echoes what Obama

urged.

“It’s still going to be an issue even when they have finally made a vote, a never-ending debate. The question to then ask [activists for net neutrality] is what they intend to do with their content once they have control,” added Baxter.

Baxter hopes that it doesn’t get to the point where the internet is controlled or else it may monopolize the Internet source when it should be done freely.

Campus wireless needs improvement

By **ARIANA CANO**
Staff Writer

CSUSB students should not have to deal with a faulty Internet connection because it is an essential asset and resource tool necessary to everyone in this day and age.

There should be minimal interference and inconsistency when connecting to the Internet.

Recently, there has been a dramatic increase in internet use as students are required to access academic sites such as Blackboard, MyCoyote, and EBSCOhost.

I have never had any problems connecting to the internet on campus until the beginning of the Fall quarter.

I had an issue connecting my iPod to eduroam, our current wireless network at CSUSB, mainly because I did not know the right way to connect.

I was able to connect after visiting the CSUSB Technology Support Center (TSC) where they helped me connect to eduroam in less than three minutes.

“If the wireless correction doesn’t work, it’s mainly due to the modules, access points, interference, the network/server, or signal may be too weak,” said TSC employee Scott Smith.

“Some things we can do to solve these problems are for us to allow better education for the user to understand how the network works [...] it’s just a matter of them going to our website being a little more proactive,” added Smith.

I remain ill-informed as to what they did to connect my iPod to the Internet, as they did not clearly explain how to fix the problem myself if it reoccurred.

Often times, the wireless connection is not the issue, the lack of information from the user is the problem.

With technology advancing as fast as it is, it can be hard for users to keep up, we should learn how to adapt to

technology in general.

It may be as simple as learning how to log in to eduroam, or connecting to wifi on our devices.

Still, there have been many situations where students have difficulties with the Internet on campus.

“Once in the computer lab the server kept going out and also in one of my classes the wifi randomly goes off,” said CSUSB student Peter Rodriguez.

“When the internet is working, everything runs smoothly. I don’t have any problems downloading documents,” added Rodriguez.

Connection problems are not only irritating, but can be costly in regards to online test turn-ins, quizzes on Blackboard, or submission of an essay electronically.

I believe to extend our connection, we could possibly get new routers, wifi extenders, or more routers for separate buildings that will give Internet users a faster connection almost anywhere on campus.

“An improvement on our part could be to have more access points and better signal strength throughout the buildings,” Smith suggested.

With finals coming up CSUSB, students should be able to rely on the Internet to work and the campus network should be a dependable source that won’t suddenly stop working.

Until improvements can be made students can seek help from the TSC for help with internet connectivity.

TSC is part of the Division of Information Technology Services (ITS) which provide technology assistance and most importantly resolve any campus technology issues.

The TSC is located in the Pfau Library Addition in room 1108 and can be reached at (909) 537-7677 for any tech questions or tech support.



Joaquin Junco Jr. | Chronicle Illustration
Despite having free access to the wireless connection, users still face problems.

CSUSB offers extensive Veteran Assistance

Cal State’s success center is highly acclaimed among *Military Times*

BY **STEPHANIE WOODWARD**
Staff Writer

Issues regarding adequate services and resource provisions for Veterans should continue to be a top priority in our nation.

The CSUSB Veterans Success Center (VSC), located next to the Bookstore, has served many Veterans.

Due to all the success, they have opened a second success center on the Palm Desert Campus.

VSC offers Veterans academic support such as free tutoring, use of computers and free copying.

CSUSB was ranked 12th in “Best for Vets: Colleges 2014” by the *Military Times*.

Veterans of the U.S. armed forces are eligible for a broad range of services and programs, such as health care benefits, home loan guarantees and transition assistance, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

However, a segment featured on ABC 10 News San Diego, reported that Veterans are not receiving the assistance they need.

Former employees of the VA benefit’s call centers, said that not enough time was given to adequately help Veterans, according to the featured segment.

“You hear somebody say, tell you, ‘I served my country and this is what I get?’” said former VA Phoenix call center employee Terry Ybay to ABC 10.

With a lack of services many Veterans begin to feel hopeless, as the transition back into civilian life can be very difficult.

Health coverage is one of the many



Stephanie Woodward | Chronicle Photo
The Veterans Success Center (VRC) offers resources and programs that provide Veterans with sufficient accommodations.

major issues Veterans face upon returning.

VA Secretary Robert McDonald has developed the Road to Veterans Day, which details a series of actions to make short and long term changes to the VA, according to the VA website.

“By getting out in the field and talking with Veterans and learning as much as possible, I will be able to determine the processes that would need to be reorganized

and streamlined,” stated McDonald.

About 300,000 Veterans live within 40 miles of the nearest VA hospital or clinic are now receiving “choice cards,” which allow them to see local doctors at the expense of the VA.

There is an estimated 22 suicides a day by Veterans, according to Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

The Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of

America are pushing for legislation that would require a review of all mental health and suicide prevention programs offered by the VA, and create a test program to recruit more psychiatrists, according to *The Fresno Bee*.

CSUSB, has a mental health support group that meets once a week in the VSC to express personal troubles.

Katie James, a Marine Veteran on campus who served for six years and is now a junior studying accounting.

“I love our Veterans Center. It is outstanding. It provides us with all the services we need and a sense of community. Getting help from our school is much easier than getting help from outside centers,” said James.

According to a poll done by *The Washington Post*, about 50 percent of people do not believe we are doing enough for our Veterans.

“What is striking about this data is how multidimensional the problem is — showing how difficult it is to solve,” according to *The Washington Post* writer by Michèle A. Flournoy.

On a state, local, and federal level Veteran programs and assistance provisions are adequate at best.

However, there are many initiatives to enact and persistent issues to resolve if we would like to ensure the ongoing prosperity of our Veterans.

Providing proper Veteran assistance should be considered a priority.

Our campus goes above and beyond to help our Veterans, and as a nation we should be doing the same.

GMOs increase risk of harmful diseases

By **JANETH JAIMES**
Staff Writer

I believe we should all be aware of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) because there are claims that it can increase our risk of bodily diseases and disorders.

Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are plants or animals that have been genetically engineered with DNA from bacteria, viruses or other plants and animals.

A study led by Siriporn Thongprakaisang et. al on human cells reported that low levels of glyphosate, a herbicide present on GMO crops, mimic the hormone estrogen and stimulated the growth of breast cancer cells, which was published in the Food and Chemical Toxicology journal.

However, the agrochemical and agricultural biotechnology company Monsanto, regarded the study as contradictory and inconclusive.

“Upon initial review, our scientists saw that the study findings were contradictory to the preponderance of evidence in the literature demonstrating glyphosate safety,” stated Monsanto.

Numerous health problems and disorders are reported to have increased since GMOs were introduced. Food allergies, disorders such as autism, reproductive issues, digestive problems, and many others.

However, there are some studies that report consuming large amounts of GMO products can cause no harm to us--for now.

According to Lisa Cimperman, a

clinical dietitian at University Hospitals in Cleveland, there is no evidence that people are harmed by eating a genetically modified bug-proof ear of corn or a non-browning apple.

“I think one of the biggest mistakes we can make in talking about this issue is making it ‘good versus evil’. One of the things that bothers me is the fear mongering,” said Cimperman to ABC News.

Indulging in too much of anything can become harmful to us. Since GMOs are still being researched as to whether or not they are harmful, it is important to balance the consumption of non-GMO and GMO food products.

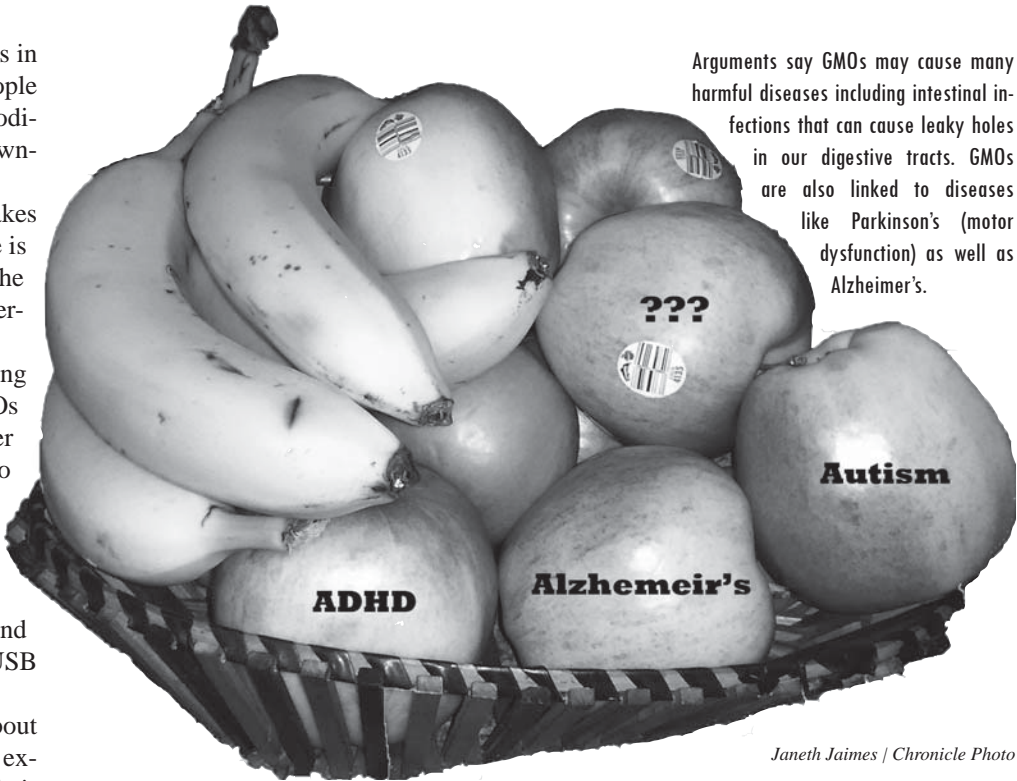
“Yes, I am aware of what I eat and mostly avoid eating out of home, watch what I buy at grocery store, and avoid fast food restaurants,” stated CSUSB student Alexandra Pizano.

Many students are aware about GMOs, and try to limit or completely exclude these modified organisms in their diet.

“I try to buy organic foods to avoid GMOs and pesticides by reading labels but it becomes difficult at times” stated CSUSB student Meghon Everett.

For consumers, it can be difficult to stay up to date on food ingredients that are at risk of being genetically modified, since agricultural ingredients frequently change.

Cereal, snack bars, snack boxes, cookies, processed lunch meats, and crackers all contain large amounts of high-risk food ingredients.



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If you are not buying foods that are non-GMO verified, GMOs are most likely present at in breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Common GMOs are soy, cotton, canola, corn, sugar beets, Hawaiian papaya, alfalfa, zucchini, and yellow summer squash, according to the Non-GMO Project Standard.

Learning which ingredients are in our food can lead to healthier eating habits. Visit the nutritionist at the Health Center to learn more about GMOs, or visit coyotehealth.csusb.edu for more information.

“I try to buy organic foods to avoid GMOs and pesticides by reading labels but it becomes difficult at times.”

Meghon Everett
Student

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Swoll Life Project

Three Coyotes gain 4,000 followers on Instagram in under two months

Insta famous

By DALAL MUSEITEF
Staff Writer

The Swoll Life Project (SLP) posts daily video clips and memes on Instagram to help followers achieve a more successful lifestyle.

With the accumulation of close to 4,000 followers in only two months, SLP upholds three values that will keep you on a consistent track to success: education, a good time, and fitness.

After searching the hashtag CSUSB on Instagram, I came across three sets of dreamy eyes. I clicked on the video, discovering the three motivating students, Philip Castellanos, Kevin Fajardo, and Jorge Partida.

They posted reality-inspired videos gave me an inside look of how the trio lives day-to-day, while still maintaining their three values.

"Everyone is a Swoll Life Project in themselves...being Swoll is not just one thing. You can be a runner or basketball player and still be considered to live a Swoll life," said Castellanos.

Creating hashtags such as #CSUSB, #SelfImprovement, and #FitnessMotivation to reel viewers in, SLP consistently receives over 150 likes on their posts.

While interviewing the trio, Castellanos, also known as Big P, gave off a serious, sensitive side of himself.

"Well, at times, yes, we have different point of views, but at the end of the day we combine those different perceptions that make us unique and ultimately come together to create interesting videos," said Castellanos.

Aside from pursuing grad school, Castellanos maintains a family owned business that provides care to people with mental disorders. He is also a chef and caregiver of two of the four home facili-

ties within Riverside. Although they are a collection of characters, Fajardo seems to grasp more of what the audience wants.

He tends to go for the extreme by posting videos of over exaggerated workouts and relates to what every college student relates to, especially getting Swoll. "Every student has to study, everyone parties and everyone tries to stay fit," said Fajardo.

Fajardo contributes his knowledge of kinesiology throughout his videos, by training and spotting Partida. Being experienced as a MMA Club member at CSUSB, Fajardo shares his love for fighting by posting humorous memes.

He also receives supportive comments from well-known UFC fighter, Urijah Faber. Partida consistently heard of SLP while group chatting with the other members.

"They kept chanting, 'SLP, SLP.' I had no idea what it meant," said Fajardo.

He was eventually added to the group by Castellanos and Fajardo, as an example of what it is to be Swoll. Partida also worked behind the scenes, sporadically following friends on Instagram and advertising the SLP logo on Facebook. Majoring in kinesiology, Partida also contributes his fitness knowledge. Being a soccer referee, he hopes that with this project he can still continue to live by the three values.

"These three values are what bind our friendship," said Partida.

Two of the five members, founder Juan Carlos (JC) Varcas and graphic designer Lex Walker, have contributed to SLP as well. Walker has recently designed logos symbolizing SLP with the incorporation of books, drinks, and dumbbells.

Openly admitting that this project will eventually end, they will still show what they've gained when they transition into the real world. They are still collecting footage for their de-

but Youtube video, so be sure to keep up with gram, @TheSwollLifeProject.



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North Korean Kim Hye-Sook tells survival story

By ERICA WONG
Staff Writer

Life in North Korea is shrouded in mystery but a defector’s testimony allowed the international community to gain an insider’s perspective of the brutality of the North Korean government against its people.

A near-perfect map has helped the international community finally locate Camp 18, a concentration camp North Korea has repeatedly denied to be in existence.

Kim Hye-Sook is a North Korean defector that managed to escape Camp 18, and is now campaigning against the abomination by using the map and her pictures in her life memoir.

Kim spent almost three decades at Camp 18, forced to do manual labor in the mining town for 16-18 hours a day.

For 15 years, she pushed two-ton mining carts every day, resulting in her lung disease.

Camp 18 prisoners had no electricity even though they lived within the confines of 3,300-volt electric barbed wire fences.

“It was through fear that they ruled,” said Kim.

Executions were a daily norm, and other prisoners were frequently forced to watch; a warning of what would happen if they did not obey.

There were no rules or regulations, and even when they obeyed, prisoners were beaten and abused. Everyone was at the mercy of the guards.

Kim told of some guards that commanded prisoners to kneel with their hands behind their back and their mouths open.

The guards would spit into the prisoner’s mouth, and if it wasn’t immediately swallowed, the prisoners were beaten.

Many died from arbitrary brutality, exhaustion, disease, or starvation.

According to Kim, there were corpses scattered around the camp.

Kim later learned that she and her family were imprisoned because of her grandfather’s defection to South Korea during the Korean War.

Their guilt by association with a family member Kim had no recollection of led to a lifetime of suffering.

Nobody was allowed to ask questions about their imprisonment, said Kim.

North Korea justifies their labor camps by avoiding and denying.

The North Korean government puts on a facade for



Erica Wong | Chronicle Photo

Kim Hye-Sook escaped from a concentration camp in North Korea after almost three decades of being captive. She channels her anger into passion for activism.

the rest of the world by lying to humanitarian inspectors about living conditions.

They place fake props inside homes, but after the inspectors leave the items are quickly confiscated.

Kim lost three of her five siblings, as well as her mother, father, husband, and son.

She still has two sisters that have been in the camp for 43 years.

Kim’s family of seven was only provided 4 kg of corn per month.

Conditions were so dire it drove people to desperate measures, doing whatever it took to stay alive.

The prisoners were sometimes forced to eat tree bark or grass to survive.

Kim told the story of a mother who came home from work one day to find that her son had eaten the last of their corn.

She was so angry she stabbed her son to death.

“One time a woman put her nine-year-old daughter in a large pot and boiled her,” said Kim, looking down. “The girl was too big for the pot, so the mother chopped her head and legs to make the body fit.”

Kim tried to escape multiple times and was tortured every time she was caught.

In the detention center, captured escapees were hung by their legs and beaten.

Kim was stripped and forced to jump and squat multiple times to reveal any contraband she could have hidden in her orifices.

“I just wanted to make a home for myself,” said Kim.

During her first escape attempt, a woman who found her homeless in a subway station lured her with food, and sold her back to the guards.

The second time, she was captured with two other young girls that were sold into prostitution, but she was

considered too old and was sold to work for a restaurant in China.

While buying pigs in North Korea for the restaurant, she was seized and sent back to Camp 18.

At last, she was sold to a limping Chinese man as his bride, but he was compassionate enough to help her escape to South Korea.

During Kim’s final escape through the Mekong River, an alligator ferociously attacked a woman in her boat, but the guards left her to die.

In light of this injustice, Kim became an activist against North Korea’s inhumane treatment of its citizens.

In retaliation, North Korean delegates were sent to her recent New York seminar to refute her testimony, accusing the survivors of being paid to lie.

Kim’s experiences have led her to become pessimistic about the reunion of separated North and South Korean families.

Gifts from South Koreans to their North Korean relatives during family reunions are quickly seized afterwards by the government.

Any humanitarian aid to alleviate suffering in the North never makes it to the intended recipients.

Kim’s drawings encourage the international community to help, but not in the ways one would think.

Pressure on North Korea from other countries may be a better way to bring about change.

Her anger from all the years of brutality has turned into a passion for activism.

Life in Camp 18 is far beyond anything the world could imagine. Most individuals will never have to endure such conditions in their lifetime.

Kim never knew what life was supposed to be like until she left North Korea.

“You guys are so lucky,” said Kim.

Remembering World War II: The Battle of Okinawa

By AYUMI YOSHIHAMA
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The Battle of Okinawa occurred from March 26 to June 22, 1945 during World War II (WWII), in which more than 200,656 people died, including a third of the civilian population of Okinawa, according to Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum.

Okinawa is a prefecture in the far south of Japan, consisting of more than three hundred small islands called the Ryukyu Islands, and is also where I was born and raised.

Okinawa used to be its own kingdom called the Ryukyu Kingdom from 1429 to 1879 after being unified by three kingdoms. People in this kingdom spoke Ryukyuan, which is an endangered language, according to UNESCO.

The Japanese invaded the Ryukyu Kingdom and renamed it Okinawa in 1879.

After the Japanese invasion, many Okinawans immigrated to Hawaii and South America due to the economic situation and the changes in society at the time.

On March 26, 1945, American soldiers entered the Kerama Islands in Okinawa, where my paternal grandparents lived.

My grandmother, Fujie, does not like talking about this period in time.

When she talks about it, she still cries even though it happened 69 years ago.

She was on the verge of committing group suicide, after being instructed to do so by Japanese soldiers. However, she saw bombing from the air and fled with her family from the area.

Fujie and her family did not commit suicide, but some people who remained committed group suicide because they did

not want to be killed by either Japanese or American soldiers.

“I could have died if I stayed there,” she said. “I could not trust even Japanese soldiers.”

Her brother joined the Japanese military, but he could not stand the situation of so many people dying, so he secretly left Okinawa to the mainland of Japan on a little boat. It was a 400-mile sail.

On April 1, 1945, American soldiers landed on Toguchi Beach, Yomitan on the mainland of Okinawa.

My grandfather, Susumu, lost his younger brother, Kousaburo, who was a university student at the time they attacked the mainland of Okinawa.

There is a famous story in Yomitan that all generations know about when the American soldiers landed.

There were two bomb shelters in Yo-

mitan. Two groups of people sought protection from the shelters.

One group survived, but the other did not.

The reason one group survived was because there was an Okinawan man who returned from Hawaii who could speak English. He could communicate with American soldiers and helped relocate the Okinawan people to a safer place.

However, in the other shelter, Japanese soldiers told them American soldiers would kill them, and were forced to commit group suicide.

After WWII, Okinawa was under the U.S. administration until May 15, 1972. Many U.S. bases are still there.

Okinawans are still struggling between Japanese and American governments today, but hopefully one day they will come to an agreement and gain peace of mind.



Photo courtesy of No.41

Anyone can go online and purchase a large bag, T-shirt, or simply sponsor a child from no41.org. All of the proceeds go toward children's lunch programs and provide a sustainable, fair wage income for orphaned women in the near vicinity.

Buy a bag—feed a child for a year

By **SARAH JOHNSON**

Staff Writer

The organization No.41 makes it possible, right here at CSUSB, to feed a child in Africa.

No.41 is an organization that has been working towards lowering the poverty rate in Rwanda since March 2012.

Tara Clapper started this organization after a mission trip to Rwanda in 2010. She saw a need for change and wanted to make a difference.

No.41's intent, as stated on their official website, is to "teach young women from the Noel Orphanage in Gisenyi, Rwanda (ages 18-25) not only to sew, a culturally relevant trade that would always sustain them, but to give back to their community through a feeding program

supporting local schools."

In an effort to raise money, women of the No.41 organization hand sew and construct bags, or large purses.

The bags are sold at \$75 a piece, which may seem pricey to a lot of college students. However, what the bag represents and provides for others less fortunate than ourselves is priceless.

"Your purchase not only provides a stable job and sustainable income to a young woman transitioning into a life of independence, you are also providing 240 meals to a secondary student in Rwanda!" according to No.41's website.

Clarissa Toll, CSUSB campus representative for No.41 said, "I LOVE my No.41 bag. It's of high quality and built with plenty of space to use. It's durable, versatile, and beautiful with its colorful

authentic fabrics."

Toll was introduced to No.41 when she received a bag as a gift.

She said, "I researched the organization and instantly fell in love with its cause and the heart of the organization."

Not many students here on campus know about this organization, but after being introduced to it, students I interviewed agreed it is a great idea that benefits a great cause.

Michelle Hill, student, looked into the website after hearing about it and is considering buying a couple bags as Christmas presents.

"Knowing you're helping someone in need is such a warming gift to give and receive; the bag is just an added bonus," said Hill.

Toll added, "I typically use my bag

for going to and from my office. It can hold everything that I'll need for the day. It's also really great for use as a reusable grocery bag and to pack all of your essentials for a day at the beach."

Not only are the bags efficient, it is a great way to spread the word about the No.41 organization.

One hundred percent of the profits sold from these bags goes to the program.

You may also purchase a No.41 T-shirt with three different style options, ranging in price from \$15 to \$30.

If you aren't looking to purchase anything and just want to donate for a good cause, there are also donation options of anywhere from \$5 to \$300 a month.

For more information, visit www.no41.org. You can also find No.41 on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Dripp Coffee Bar drops it like it's hot

By **DANIELLE BROOKS**

Staff Writer

Dripp Coffee Bar is a unique cafe that will make coffee lovers everywhere swoon.

The eatery is known for their European style coffees and teas, but also specialize in pastries and ice cream sandwiches.

Dripp is an up-and-coming franchise, with currently only one location in Chino Hills, but the company is expanding and will open their next location in Fullerton.

Not only had I heard fellow Coyotes talk about how delicious Dripp was, but my coworkers also expressed their love for their coffee.

The nearest restaurant is at The Shoppes in Chino Hills and since I happened to be in the area recently, I wanted to give their drinks a try. Dripp's ambiance is like no other coffee shop, giving the impression you have left California and entered a European cafe. I walked in and immediately smelled the coffee roasting.

I noticed there was a cozy, hipster-looking lounge area on the second floor, so I quickly got in line to try and snag a seat upstairs and take in the environment.

"Dripp proves it's ambiance and style totally has some class with it's cozy warm feel to it," stated a user on Yelp.

I should probably mention that I'm not much of a coffee drinker, and when I do drink coffee it's usually a frappuccino from Starbucks.

My drink of choice was the Affogato, which is a shot

of hot espresso with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. My friend chose the Ravens Dark Roast, which was one of their signature coffees, consisting of Baker's chocolate, sweet tobacco (coconut shavings dusted in cocoa powder), and salted caramel. As far as pastries go, I was torn on what to get because everything looked so mouth watering.

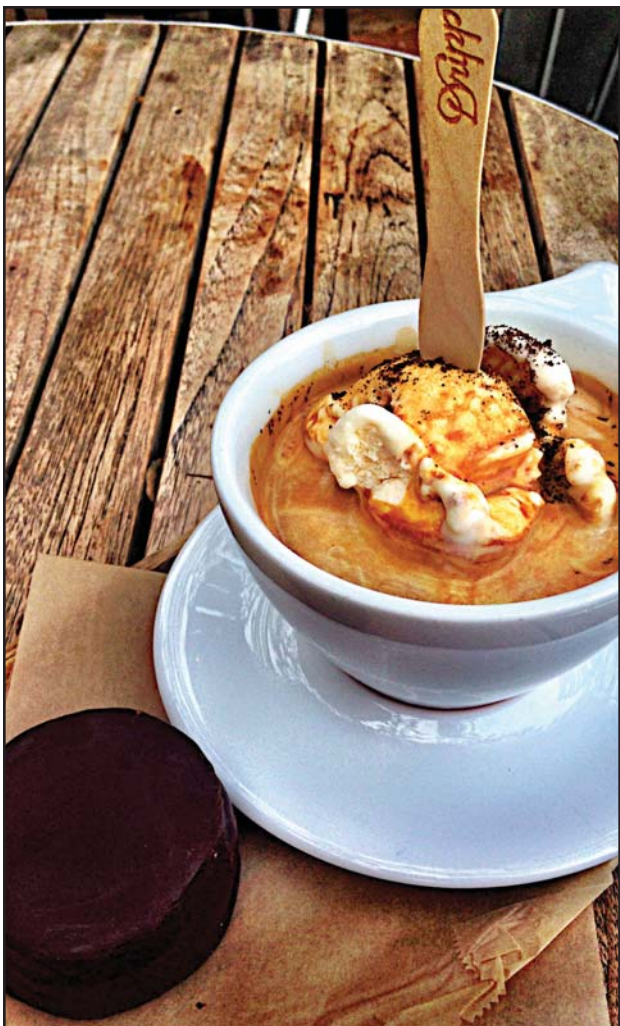
I asked an employee what her favorite pastry was and she recommended the Black and White Cakewich, which she explained tasted like a Hostess Ding Dong.

For two drinks and a pastry we spent approximately \$15. Although there is a lot of seating between the two lounge areas and the bar, it was extremely crowded inside, so we enjoyed our treats on the peaceful patio located on the corner of the shop.

Since I never had an espresso, and I am not much of a coffee person, I was afraid that I would find my drink too strong—but boy, was I surprised.

The Affogato was perfect. The vanilla ice cream complemented the espresso and made my drink extra creamy. Our coffees tasted just like I would imagine European coffees to taste like. The sweet cakewich and the bittersweet Affogato were an amazing combination. The pastry tasted like a Ding Dong, but was a million times better because the filling was so creamy.

As I sat there savoring my meal, I couldn't help but notice that three other customers ordered the Affogato, so I was under the assumption that it's one of Dripp's more popular drinks. Leaving Dripp, I was already planning what treat I would try for my next visit.



Danielle Brooks | Chronicle photo

Dripp offers pastries and cafe-styled treats including unique coffee beverages.



Ezequiel Ramos / Chronicle Photos
This mural shows various characters with elongated arms and wild facial expressions in a bright and colorful color scheme.



Downtown Riverside gets artsy

By EZEQUIEL RAMOS
Staff Writer

Downtown Riverside is home to the Riverside Art Museum, a place that houses unique and interesting paintings and sculptures. The location of this museum allows the community to choose between a day or night visit with many restaurants and various attractions for an enjoyable experience. Walking into the museum, an individual can feel the artistic atmosphere of this establishment. Upon entering, it is difficult to miss the beautifully centered patio, surrounded by plants and trees, and an abstract painting that captures the eye.

To the left of the entrance, the exhibit “Baby Tattooville” has two unique portraits. One of these paintings is acrylic on wood: “The Last Voyage II” by Jeff Soto. I really enjoyed this portrait, as the shapes, colors, and characters captivated the viewer. The portrait consists of an old ship in the middle ground that has various characters, one with elongated arms and legs, similar to a Tim Burton film. The artist effectively uses color in the background, giving the setting of a sunset, with light beaming behind the steep mountains and plains. The portrait depicts a dark valley leading into the foreground, then onto the plains of the foreground.



I felt that this was a chilling and unique illustration that could pass for a cover of a Halloween film or a poster. Another portrait from this exhibit consisted of a woman surrounded by all black. This painting was unique, as the emphasis was on a woman who had a big open heart in the middle of her chest, consisting of hearts and stars coming out, leading to the left and right of the foreground. The meaning of this painting is left ambiguous, but I believe it portrayed a woman expressing her feelings into a galaxy of emotions. One more exhibit that really caught my attention was the Riverside Sister City Children’s Friendship Exhibit. This exhibit was full of illustrations by children from Ensenada, Mexico.

One of the children’s illustrations whose name was Dulce illustrated a turtle that was swimming underwater with bubbles and coral in the background. This was a simple painting, yet very effective. Having recently watched the film “Finding Nemo,” I appreciated the shading and emphasis of the turtle. Art comes in various forms, allowing any artist to express their feelings or emotions. It is meant to be felt from within, allowing your mind to wander. The Riverside Art Museum is open everyday from 10 to 4 p.m. As the holidays are rapidly approaching, Downtown Riverside is the place to be for a cute date or night out with friends.



Ezequiel Ramos / Chronicle Photo

In this mural the color scheme is a bit more cooler giving the piece a more eerie yet mystical feel to it; the incorporation of different characters that don’t seem like they would go well together end up mixing perfectly for an aesthetic view.



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Weezer connects incredibly with their audience in Los Angeles and leads them as they sing at the top of their lungs songs from their new album *Everything Will be Alright in the End*.

Weezer fire burns brighter than ever

By **NADIA AHMAD**
Staff Writer

Hundreds of enthusiastic fans crowded into the The Belasco Theater to see the beloved band Weezer on Nov. 7.

Weezer is one of the most popular bands of the last twenty years, and if you think that after performing for twenty years, a band would lose their flare live, Weezer will prove you wrong.

Opting out of having an opening band, Weezer played an acoustic set of all of their classics, such as “El Scorcho,” “Buddy Holly,” and “Island In The Sun,” which seemed to be the crowd favorite.

“It was like 1995 Weezer opened for 2014 Weezer,” said a concert attendee. Afterwards, the band performed their entire new album, *Everything Will be Alright in the End*, from start to finish.

I’ve never seen a band do this live, and I was genuinely happy that they did, since I’m a fan of their new album.

The band really knows how to have fun on stage and made this one of the best concerts I’ve ever been to.

Weezer connected with the audience

so well and motivated them to sing their songs louder than the band members themselves.

They had so much fun on stage, and their energy reflected onto the audience.

The new album tells the story of the band’s entire music career, and sends a message that you should remember your roots.

Their first single off the new album, “Back to the Shack” had the whole crowd singing along and helped create a super fun environment.

The band welcomed special guest, Bethany Consentino, from the indie band Best Coast to perform “Go Away,” a track off their new album.

What makes this band so incredible and unique is that they know where they came from, and continue to stay humble by connecting with their audience and constantly expressing their gratitude.

Student Lexi Trout was in the crowd that night and said, “I was bummed they didn’t play a few more of their older songs, but it was still a great show.”

Many fans seemed to be surprised that the band didn’t play their top hit “Beverly

Hills,” but it didn’t seem that anyone was too disappointed.

They still played plenty of their old songs, and their entire new album.

I felt I got my money’s worth and much more.

The band is loved by fans of all ages, and it was lovely to see how many different types of people were in the crowd that night.

They performed a memorable show at an unforgettable venue.

The Belasco Theater is a familiar-looking venue in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles.

Many movies, such as “Memoirs of a Geisha,” “The Illusionist,” and “This Is 40” have all included scenes shot inside the Belasco.

I can see why it has been chosen for so many movies and iconic concerts.

The movies definitely do not do the venue justice.

I was in awe after walking in and “at a loss for words,” as the band would say, as I was walking out.

Seeing Weezer live was a dream come true.

MOVIE REVIEW

San Fransokyo gives birth to new hero

By **DALETH QUINTANILLA**
Staff Writer

Disney’s animated comedy-adventure “Big Hero 6” is action-packed and enjoyable for the entire family.

“Big Hero 6” is a better-than-average kids movie, but focuses on mature themes such as loss, anger, and camaraderie.

The PG-rated film is directed by Don Hall and Chris Williams, and is inspired by a Marvel superhero comic book series of the same name.

The character Hiro Hamada, voiced by Ryan Potter, is a boy genius and robot prodigy who spends his time participating in back alley robot fights.

Worried that Hiro is wasting his potential, older brother Tadashi, voiced by Daniel Henney, gives him a tour of his university’s robotics lab.

There he meets Tadashi’s closest friends, Gogo Tamago (Jamie Chung), Wasabi (Damon Wayans Jr.), Honey Lemon (Genesis Rodriguez) and Fred (T. J. Miller). Amongst these friends, Tadashi introduces Hiro to his robot companion Baymax, voiced by Scott Askit.

Baymax is a fluffy, loveable character who was created for the healing of others; he is Hiro’s closest companion and personal robotic nurse.

Inspired by his visit to the university, Hiro decides to create nanobots, which he showcases in a contest that will grant him admission to the university.

In a crazy turn of events, the school catches fire. Hiro loses his nanobots and brother in that fire, and finds himself in deep mourning.

Hiro attempts to seek closure by solving the mystery of the fire, and in doing so, discovers there is a masked villain who is in charge of the destruction.

The masked villain ended Tadashi’s life and stole Hiro’s nanobots.

Hiro realizes that he cannot face this journey alone and seeks the help of adrenaline junkie Go Go Tamago, neat freak Wasabi, chemistry expert Honey Lemon, Fanboy Fred and Baymax.

Together, these tight-knit, like-minded friends transform into a high-tech supergroup, known as Big Hero 6, and embark on a wild adventure on the streets of San Fransokyo.

San Fransokyo, a city created specifically for the film, blends together elements of San Francisco and Tokyo, showcasing Tokyo architecture with San Francisco roads.

The group uses their brains to turn themselves into superhero robots, determined to find Tadashi’s killer and Hiro’s stolen nanobots. The film’s animation attracts a younger audience, but it deals with a variety of emotions, making it enjoyable for audiences of any age.

One of the more memorable aesthetically-pleasing scenes are the flight scenes because they demonstrate the beauty of San Fransokyo, and the inseparable bond between Hiro and Baymax.

The animation and plot make this comedy adventure exciting and visually stimulating and a must-see for fans of Marvel Comics and animation.

Photo courtesy of Bethany Consentino

Weezer welcomed special guest, Bethany Consentino, from the indie band Best Coast to perform “Go Away,” a track from their new album.





Rating: 4/5

ALBUM REVIEW

Nick Jonas gets grown and sexy on new album

By **CESAR PEREZ**
Staff Writer

Popular tween sensation Nick Jonas released his second self-titled album, and reinvents the image of his boyish days as a Jonas Brother.

The self-titled album was released on Nov. 10 by Island Records, and is produced by Jason Evigan and Jonas himself.

Since I wasn't a fan of the Jonas Brothers, I was not expecting much from the album, but was pleasantly surprised how well the album was made. Jonas's soft and high-pitched vocals make his voice stand out from other artists in the industry today.

The album has received positive reviews from musical critics upon its release, and is becoming a hit among CSUSB students.

CSUSB senior Marlen Hernandez said, "I like it. Its a little different since there's a variety of genres. He has more slow pop, and even an upbeat song with a rapper."

"The album has a good beat, and he obviously has great vocals," continued Hernandez.

I personally enjoyed the quality of the album, from the musical elements in the instrumental pop and R&B beats, to

the vocals and lyrics.

This album is reminiscent of when Justin Timberlake came back to the music scene with his hit song, "Sexy Back," which debuted in 2006.

Similar to Timberlake's "Sexy Back," the single "Chains," shows a more mature and lustful Jonas that reflects more of who he is becoming.

CSUSB junior Maria Barragan said, "I wasn't expecting him to stand out from his brothers. Nick was usually the shy one and I like the way he has discovered his true self."

With the mature content of this album, Jonas has certainly drifted from his boyish days, and has proven his versatility with his stylish pop and R&B songs.

One of my personal favorites from the album would have to be the song called "Jealous."

The song has a catchy upbeat and lively vibe to it. Barragan added, "I love the song! The beat is amazing and so are the lyrics! I also like the fact that he wrote the song for his girlfriend because not a lot of guys are willing to admit they are jealous." Jonas also sings a beautiful duet with powerhouse sensation Demi Lovato titled, "Avalanche." It is a more

slow paced song but with strong vocals from both artists.

"Teacher" is another song on the album and has a funkier beat to it, with catchy bass and electric rhythms.

Unfortunately, as with most albums, there are differing opinions. Juana Lozano is not too familiar with Jonas's past and said, "I think he has a great voice, but it seems like 'Jealous,' will be his only good song."

Kaylee Campos added, "His songs aren't very catchy to me, and this being his solo album it had to prove to everyone that he can indeed do it solo, but he didn't convince me."

In my opinion, Jonas definitely proves he has potential to continue in the music industry.

He has distinguished himself as a solo artist, separating himself from his younger days as a member of the Jonas Brothers.

His confident voice and versatility demonstrate he has his own style and he's not just a one-hit wonder. I don't expect to hear this album at parties, but I am certainly going to be bumping it on my iPhone.

I recommend this album and give it four out of five Paws.



Photo courtesy of Andrew Zaeh

Nick Jonas steps away from his younger image and makes a comeback as a more mature artist with new album.

Naruto takes a bow after 700 emotional chapters

By **EMMANUEL GUTIERREZ**
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After 15 years, 700 chapters, and a time skip, the manga Naruto has finally ended—believe it!

Naruto Uzumaki, the vessel containing the Nine-Tailed Fox—a demonic force of nature—never quite understood the discrimination inflicted upon him; all he knew was that, he wished for nothing more than to command the respect of his fellow man—to be Hokage.

Naruto was able to find out what it meant to be a ninja—defying the tradition of eliminating one's humanity, and becoming merely a weapon shrouded in the shadows to strike upon the orders of others.

He pieced together his notions by clashing with other formidable ninjas; often not merely a clash of fists, but also a clash of ideologies and fates.

Many opponents, notably Haku and Zabuza, challenged Naruto's ideas of humanity and warrior's code, the purpose of one's life and utility, as well as allegiances.

One does not necessarily acclimate towards the "good guys," as that notion is subjective; rather, one sides with those of whom acknowledge his or her own existence—imbibing them with meaning and purpose.

"Some of the fights were awesome, and super sad," said student Daniel Davalos.

Utilizing flashbacks, Masashi Kishimoto combined backstory and interior monologues, simultaneously precipitating emotional responses from characters as well as their motives.

All the while fighting for their lives, propelling their own reflections across a barrier of ice mirrors, casting inextinguishable, black flames from their eyes, or fis-

suring the earth beneath their feet with a single punch.

After severing ties with the Leaf Village—imbued with jealousy and a heart of vengeance—Sasuke sought the tutelage of world-class terrorist Orochimaru.

Naruto failed to save his friend, a bond perhaps most precious to him—a bond of brotherhood—leading to Sasuke's descent into loneliness in search of strength.

Sasuke yearned for power in order to kill his older brother. Naruto sought strength to save Sasuke from the road of vengeance.

In an abrupt twist of fate and revelations, we learned that Naruto is the reincarnation of not only one of the founders of his homeland, but the next life of the son of the origin of chakra.

"It was heavily foreshadowed, and makes the story come full circle. It was kind of awesome," said student Stephanie

Rodriguez.

This revelation drastically changed the initial dynamics of the plot, making the protagonist's strength much related to his genetic superiority (his distant Senju bloodline) rather than his devotion to hard work and discipline.

The final confrontation between Naruto and Sasuke was ultimately satisfying—predictable, but still bared emotional weight.

In the end, they collapse from exhaustion. Sasuke spilled his guts, thanking Naruto (parallel to their first fight) for never giving up on him; the camera pans out to them gushing blood from their missing arms.

Naruto finally saved his best friend—his brother—and in his opinion, despite what many others had suggested; he considers himself an eligible candidate for Hokage because he kept his promise.

EDM unites people and spreads love

By **WENDY MARTINEZ**
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Drug use and dangerous raves have always been negative stereotypes about the music genre, electric dance music (EDM).

“Don’t follow the hype, follow your heart,” is what many people say about this music genre that don’t believe in the negative judgments.

“I definitely agree with this. It upsets me when I hear people talking about going to these festivals and not going for the music but just because it’s what the ‘crowd’ is up to nowadays and go for other purposes rather than what these festivals are meant for. Uniting those who have a passion for this genre and celebrating it as one,” said CSUSB student Nelita Betanco.

The birth of EDM started in the 1970s in the United States and United Kingdom, but did not gain much attention until the 1990s.

Now, it is popular everywhere, and is hitting top charts on music websites like Beatport and iTunes.

It is even getting radio play, and talented artists’ work are being exposed to the public.

Some artists have gone mainstream since the rise of this genre, such as David Guetta, Calvin Harris, Tiesto, and Martin Garrix, who are some of the most popular DJs.

EDM does not simply play the mainstream house sub-genre, but goes more in depth with trance, hardstyle, drum and

bass, dubstep, techno, electro, and many more.

Music festivals for EDM have evolved with bigger and better technologies, and are often held throughout the U.S., especially in Southern California.

Insomniac, founded by CEO, Pasquale Rotella, is one of the main companies that has contributed to the rise of these festivals.

Some festivals they hold throughout the year include: White Wonderland, Beyond Wonderland, Electric Daisy Carnival, Nocturnal Wonderland, and Escape from Wonderland.

Electric Daisy Carnival (EDC) is the biggest festival, and is held every year in Las Vegas, Nevada, with almost 400,000 fans, more than 200 acts, carnival rides, food, drinks, and fireworks constantly going off.

“I’ve been to a couple small raves throughout the years but always wanted my first official festival to be big, so I went to EDC and it was far beyond anything I expected. I couldn’t believe the atmosphere I was in, never in my life have I felt pure love and support from absolute strangers and what made it even better was that everyone wanted the same thing; to be happy,” said student, Chris Garcia.

“The feeling I get when I walk inside EDC is uplifting. All the financial, family, school, work problems are left outside of the speedway and all I can think of is having the time of my life. We’re young, we’re in college, one day this will all be



Photo courtesy of Doug Van Sant

Capturing the hypnotic and electrifying energy at the annual Electronic Daisy Carnival, Insomniac, Music festival (2014).

over. So why not go out and make memories at EDC that you’ll look back and be like, yeah I had a good time, that one time at EDC,” said student Monica Suazo.

Personally, I have been to this amazing music festival, and it fills my heart with joy that I am there to enjoy and share music together.

I went for the first time this summer, where I experienced one of the best days of

my life. The vibe was so friendly and the music was incredible.

I was never able to share my passion for this music genre with friends back in San Bernardino until I stepped foot on the grounds of EDC in Las Vegas.

People describe this culture and the festivals as “home,” a place where ravers can just let loose and be themselves with no judgment.

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49ers star returns after suspension

By **JASMINE GONZALES**

Staff Writer

Linebacker Aldon Smith will be returning to the San Francisco 49ers defense after a nine game suspension.

The league announced in late August that Smith would be suspended for violating the NFL's personal conduct and substance abuse policies.

Typically, when a player is suspended from a team they are not allowed to be involved in any team events, but the NFL allowed Smith to attend team meetings, strength and conditioning workouts because Smith said the support would help him in his rehabilitation process.

"Smith was not allowed to attend games, so he spent the first half of the season watching his teammates on TV with his family," reported Taylor Price, senior reporter for the 49ers website.

"Some games were tough to watch, some games were good to watch," said Smith.

"Over the last year, I have learned a lot and I'm working hard to grow from my experiences. I want to thank my family and friends, my teammates, my union and the 49ers for supporting me during this pro-

cess," said Smith.

Since his September 2013 incident, Smith claims to have gone into an alcohol rehabilitation program and remains sober.

"I will be at work daily to participate in all permitted work activities, and to support my teammates, just as they have supported me," said Smith.

Smith joined the league in 2011 and has had three alcohol related incidents including two DUI charges and falsely reporting a bomb threat at LAX.

Smith was involved in an increasing amount of alcohol-related incidences before the league decided that a serious intervention was needed.

"I apologize to my teammates, coaches, the entire 49er organization, and 49er fans for not being able to contribute on the field for the next several weeks," Smith said when first suspended.

In the 2013-2014 season, 49ers had the second ranked defense in the league with Smith contributing 34 tackles and 8.5 sacks. Since Smith's suspension, the 49ers defense has fallen off. This season their sack percentage is at 15 percent while last year they had a 38 percent sack average.

Smith led the 49ers defense last season with the most sacks followed by

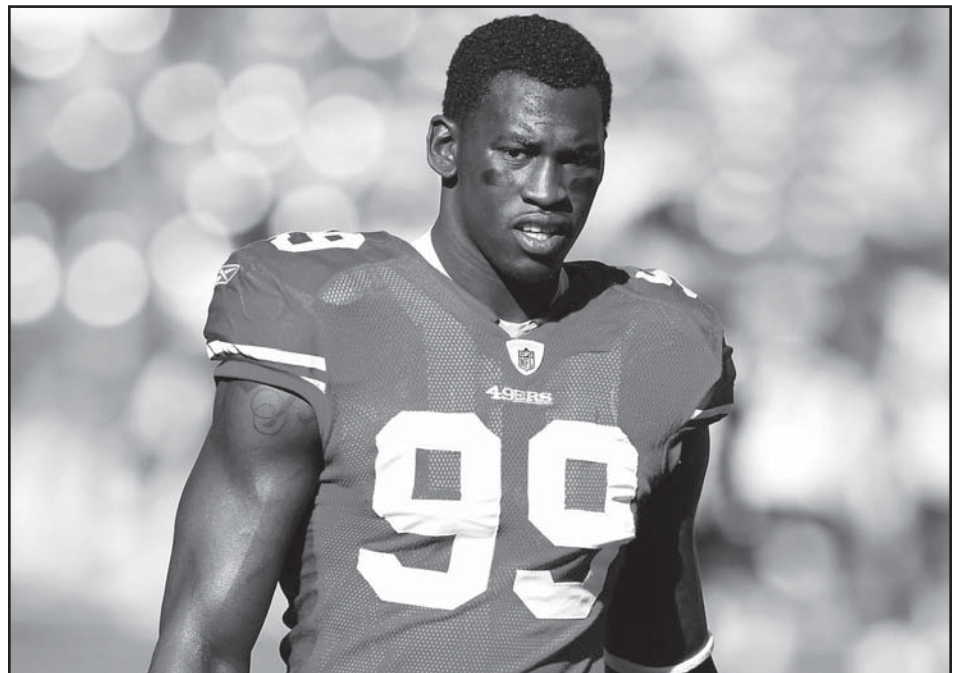


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Linebacker Aldon Smith is allowed back on the field after suspension for multiple drug and alcohol violations this year.

NaVorro Bowman, who has also been out this season due to an injury he suffered in the 2013-2014 NFC Championship game against the Seahawks.

Smith stepped back on the practice field on Tuesday for a walk through with the team. 49ers starting quarterback Colin Kaepernick commented on Smith's presence.

"A big lift. He's a freak of nature on the field. He's a huge component to our defense. So, very happy to have him back."

Kaepernick is excited to see Smith return and potentially help the team.

Smith describes his feelings about returning to the field as "probably one of the

most exciting times of my life."

49ers head coach Jim Harbough said, "He'll have a clean slate moving forward."

Smith is not part of the 49ers' 53 man roster, so in order for him to be able to play, they must drop a man from the roster.

Although Smith is not on the roster, one of his replacement linebackers Chris Borland has been playing with an injured shoulder.

It remains to be seen if the 25-year-old Smith can stay on the field and avoid any further problems with the law.

The Niners' are currently third in the NFC West, one of the most competitive divisions in the NFL.



Rec Center challenges students over holiday season

By **LILY PEREZ**

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It's that time of year again where those extra calories pile on due to all the holiday goodies most just cannot resist.

Maintaining a good weight can be hard, especially during the holidays.

The CSUSB Recreation and Fitness Center (Rec Center) has just the right thing to help Coyotes through this tough holiday season.

The Maintain Don't Gain: Holiday Challenge, is a program geared to help participants say no to those extra calories during the holidays and say yes to a healthier lifestyle.

Holiday parties, family dinners and Christmas stockings stuffed with goodies; you name it, all the extra calories add up, causing most Americans to gain pounds between Thanksgiving and New Year's every year.

"It's hard to eat healthy during the holidays because you are always surrounded by all kinds of great food that most of the time isn't always healthy," said senior Ninivet

Villalobos.

This challenge will definitely help participants make healthier choices when preparing for Thanksgiving Day.

"This challenge sounds like something that could help and make you think twice before going for seconds," said Villalobos.

The challenge is an independent and self-directed program where students can expect weekly e-mails with tips on how to develop healthy habits.

These e-mails will also serve as encouragement to keep Coyotes motivated throughout the course of the eight-week long challenge.

Although this is an independent challenge students shouldn't feel discouraged and invite their friends to join along with them.

Everyone loves a workout buddy, and having a friend join can make this experience easier and more fun.

Joining with a friend will allow participants to keep each other in check when wanting to eat an extra slice of pie.

Students will have an initial weigh-in during Nov. 17 through 26, and will then have a follow up weigh-in after

the New Year, during Jan. 5 through 16.

Participants can schedule their weekday appointment for their weigh-in at the Rec Center Personal Trainers office from 12 to 7 p.m., and can contact Fitness Coordinator Barry Green Jr. for any questions concerning the challenge.

Thanksgiving can be an especially a tough time to decide to eat healthy, with temptations all around; don't lose your will to complete the challenge.

"I don't really have trouble working out and staying active, what I struggle with the most is the food part because I just love to eat so I think maybe this challenge could help with that especially with the holidays coming around," said senior Jasmine Perez.

Those who either manage to lose or maintain their weight during the holidays will be rewarded by being entered into a raffle for the chance to win exciting prizes.

Let the chance of winning a prize be that extra nudge you need to join the Maintain Don't Gain: Holiday Challenge.

Say no to that extra slice of pie and treat yo' self to a better and healthier treat this holiday season.

Midnight Madness: Family and friends support basketball

By **JUSTIN SANDOVAL**
Staff Writer

Men’s and Women’s Basketball are now in season and in an attempt to promote school spirit hosted a team showcase on Nov. 12 at the Coussoulis Arena.

The event, Midnight Madness, was held as an introduction to students, family and friends.

As students walked in they were greeted by an array of student volunteers promoting school functions such as the upcoming Latin Night.

The teams treated all in attendance to pizza and games to participate in.

Tatiana Dunlap, guard women’s basketball player, said, “We did this because we thought it would be good to involve the Coyote community and have them support us.”

Men’s basketball player Brian Gugliotta said, “We saw other programs doing similar events to help promote their season, which was our goal.”

“It’s a fun event for both the students and players to get involved,” continued Gugliotta.

Men and women’s basketball warmed up for the crowd just as they would before a game except with a little more “swag” as the kids say.

Members of the men’s team began to throw National Basketball Association (NBA) quality slam dunks, which acted as a showcase of skills and talents for family, friends and students to enjoy before the team was introduced.

Women’s head basketball coach Renee Jimenez, ready for her second season with the Coyotes, enthusiastically introduced her team to the crowd.

Assistant coach Robert Tossetti introduced the men’s team. In their introduction, we learned a little something about every player.

Most notably Tossetti said, “This player wishes he was a baby dolphin, sophomore Everett Turner.”

Throughout the evening, the crowd was involved in multiple basketball games such as the game known as “Knockout,” which the participants stand in a line attempting to make their shot before the person in front of them, if successful the individual is knocked out.

Members of both teams grabbed people from the audience to compete in additional games such as three-point contest, free-throw contest and lastly a half-court shot contest.

Sadly, not many CSUSB students attended Midnight Madness, which led to little support for the basketball teams.

However, there were plenty of family, friends and other Coyote athletes in attendance.

Supporting the home team is huge and has been known to take teams from good to great, which Dunlap and Gugliotta agree is something the Coyote women and men hope will continue to grow from this point on.

Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) and Snapchat recently showed and promoted Kentucky University’s Midnight Madness and created mass social media trends along the way.

We’ll probably never get Drake to come and shoot an air-ball for our amusement, but students should come and support regardless.

“Our first home game is the 27 of this month against Humboldt State, and the support of the student body is huge,” said Gugliotta.

“They give us support to both win the game and motivation for us to put the best show on possible for them.”

The Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) will be having their 30 year of Athletics Pack Attack on Jan. 31, 2015 for the women’s and men’s basketball programs.

All athletic teams will be in attendance and students are heavily encouraged to come in our Coyote blue and black to support our athletes.

“Its means a lot to have the student body come and support, it feels like we are part of a huge family,” said Dunlap.

Coyotes are always more than welcome to attended all of the up coming basketball games.



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Coyote athletes along with friends and family participated in Midnight Madness to show their love for basketball.

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Volleyball finishes off rough season

Coyotes defeated in final games of season with scores of 2-3 against Broncos

By **LOYDIE BURMAH AND JAVIER RODRIGUEZ**

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Women's volleyball suffered defeat to the Cal Poly Pomona Broncos 2-3 in the Kellogg Gym at Cal Poly Pomona campus on Nov. 8.

Coyotes, unfortunately, ended their five match winning streak after pulverizing CSU opponents, San Francisco Gators, Stanislaus Warriors, Chico Wildcats, Humboldt Lumberjacks, and the UC San Diego Tritons.

Coyotes currently rank No. 18 overall and 15 in the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA).

Broncos displayed their strong defensive and offensive skills to obtain the win in a heated five set match.

They opened with a two set lead, scoring 25-17 in the first set and 25-22 in the second.

Bronco Outside Hitter Deanna Blaine started the first set off with a kill from an assist by setter Alina Smith.

Each team played the first set with intensive competition, although the Coyotes were ultimately shut out due to a bad set, followed by an attack error.

Broncos scored six points in the opening of the second set and carried the lead over the Coyotes.

Coyotes proved their determination by quickly catching up, but lost the set 22-25.

Broncos managed 15 kills with 40 total attempts while Coyotes had nine with 33.

Despite losing the first two sets the Coyotes mounted defensive comeback and were more focused than ever winning the third and fourth sets, 25-16 and 25-18 respectively, tying the match.

"This game had me out of my seat the whole time... I was so happy when we won. The women's team rocks! I'm going to bring all of my friends to come watch with me next time," said student Anissa Boland.

Although the excitements of the games are in other areas sometimes, Coyotes are still willing to go and show their support for the Coyotes on the net.

The first point of the third set was awarded to the Broncos after a service ace by Smith.

Coyote outside hitter Alexandra Torline responded with a kill assisted by setter Ciara Richards.

Both teams gained points across the board though kills, attacks and service errors.

Coyotes strong return in the third set was not merely a miracle, but a tough display of their extensive skills and determination to knock out their opponents.

The Coyotes collective team attack percentage in the third set was 0.406.

In the beginning of the fourth set, the Coyotes gained a 10 point advantage before the Broncos managed to score five.

Torline scored eight kills within the



Photos courtesy Ben Delgado

Coyotes made their mark on the court as well as showing their opponents they are a powerhouse and should watch out.

set, and Richards fired up serves for her hitters.

With the match set at 2-2, Broncos and Coyotes continued their face off in a final 15-point set.

Kellogg Gym was packed with about 624 anxious spectators bearing witness to the intensive fifth set that would grant victory to one of the teams.

Coyotes opened with a four point lead, but the Broncos caught up when their junior Setter Nicoletta Stork earned two kills and Smith had a four-serve run giving them a 6-5 lead.

Tensions mounted as both teams tied at 10-10, but Bronco freshman Outside Hitter Madison May scored two kills, and a service ace giving the Broncos a 13-10 lead.

"These ladies play with their hearts. It's obvious how dedicated they are to their sport... I was so nervous for a minute, but they fought hard to keep their winning streak," said student Sabrina Largaespada.

Followed by a service error from the Broncos, CSUSB junior Middle Blocker Brianna McIntosh had a solo block to push Coyotes towards the lead.

After a time out called by the Broncos, they entered the set with an attack error and a kill by Blaine, winning the set 15-12.

Junior Outside Hitters Torline and Solis led the Coyotes with 15 and 12 kills respectively, and Senior Middle Blocker Tori May managed 11 during the five set match.

Boland added, "I can't wait to watch their last two home games... I hope they can make it to the National Championship. That would be awesome!"

Volleyball, over the course of their season have showed every team that they are a force that shouldn't be taken lightly.

From the powerhouse captain Arielle McCullough and her amazing defensive skills, while Alexandra Torline dominates most of the court with her awesome attacks and offensive skills.

Coyote volleyball have made our University one of the best of in the state, displaying the courage, and strength that our athletes and students have come to know and respect.

Being number 18 in California, Coyote volleyball is truly one of the best in the state and of course in one of the best to all of us.

Although the season is almost over we still cheer on volleyball.

"These ladies play with their hearts. It's obvious how dedicated they are to their sport.

I was so nervous for a minute, but they fought hard."

Sabrina Largaespada
Student